There would be a change to the recurring characters:

Kaiba would've replaced Sergey as a servant to Roget, but after he duels Jack in the Synchro Arc, he joins the Lancers

Joey would've been working for Fusion, helping them maintain a reign over the XYZ Dimension. He would've gotten in some beef with Sylvio, eventually leading to a Joey vs Sylvio duel that Sylvio wins.

Zane would've been alongside aster Aster.

Alexis would've just did more stuff and not get carded by Yuri

Crow and Jack would stay the same.

Shark would've came back in the XYZ Dimension.

- After Yuya and Declan vs. Leo - Leo makes the four Bracelet Girls duel one another. They all absorb each other's souls when they lose. Serena defeats Rin, then Ruri defeats Serena. After that, Yuzu defeats Ruri. Leo gives Yuzu an extra bracelet that is essentially an extension of Arc-V. When Arc-V is powered up, Yuzu will become Ray. Leo is worried that Yuya will become Zarc and destroy the world before he can combine it, so he sends Yuzu to go stop Yuya.
- After Yuya vs Yuri: Yuzu goes to duel Yuya. He is in his Awakened Form, however Yuzu tackles him and he calms down. Yuya is dejected, talking about how he's going to become Zarc anyway. There's no point in trying to stop him. Yuzu tells Yuya that she's going to stop Zarc from coming back. The exchange goes something like this:

Yuya, I'm the last line of defense. I'm not going to just sit here and watch Zarc control you. If you truly want to succumb to Zarc's influence, you're not doing it until you defeat me. I've defeated you once and I'll gladly do it again. Just know, if you let Zarc take control of you, he'll destroy everything. He'll just continue down a cycle of destruction until there is nothing left to destroy, and eventually he'll destroy himself".

Yuya says, dejectedly: "What does it even matter anymore. I have all of the Four Dragons now. I'm bound to summon one, and when I do, I'm just going to awaken and want to become Zarc again. It's hopeless Yuzu. We might as well just say goodbye to the world right now. I'm going to lose control of myself and fuse and destroy the world, just like how Zarc did however many years ago. They (pointing to Declan and the recurring characters) can't stop me. You (Yuzu) can't stop me. We can't do anything".

Yuzu turns away in anger: "Fine then, have it your way. We'll all just sit and wait here forever until Zarc gets tired and leaves".

Yuya tries to interject: "but-".

Yuzu interrupts him. "Yuya, you're an Entertainment Duelist for pete's sake! When was the last time moping about your problems solved them? Never! You always solved your

problems by making other people smile while you dueled! In fact, I think that's been the problem. You've been so focused on giving happiness to others that you've saved none for yourself. I've studied Entertainment Dueling at You Show as well, and now it's time to put my Entertainment to the test and see if I can make someone smile while dueling. Yuya, do this for me".

Yuya: gets up. They both shout "Let's Duel!" and the duel starts.

- Yuya quickly awakens during the duel. His appearance changes to look like Yuto, Yugo and Yuri as he summons the Four Dragons, one each turn. In response, Yuzu uses hers, Serena's, Ruri's and Rin's decks, switching each turn, also changing her appearance. Eventually, Yuzu draws the counterpart to Astrograph Magician, Chronograph Magician. Astrograph makes Zarc, and Chronograph can split Zarc apart. Yuzu gives Yuya Chronograph, saying all he has to do is summon it and this whole ordeal will be over. Zarc takes full control over Yuya, rips Chronograph and uses a card to revive the Four Dragons. He goes into his highest Awakened State and defeats Yuzu. He dashes, almost like some kind of monster, over to Yuzu and tries to break her bracelets, but the bracelets slow down time for Yuya.
- Yuzu talks to the recurring characters in the room (all 8) and tells them about the United World. They are bewildered when she mentions that all 8 of them existed before in the United World. Kaiba begins to ask why they are all here, and Yuzu tells them that when Ray split the world into four, Zarc's Astrograph Magician and Ray's Chronograph Magician gave them a degree of control over how the dimensions were formed. Chronograph can bring places and people through time and Astrograph can control where people are placed. Ray assumed that her reincarnations would be placed far away from Zarc's, because Zarc's evil side knew that Ray was dangerous. It seems as if Zarc's good side kept his reincarnations and Ray's reincarnations close. Ray knew that throughout time, there were certain legendary duelists who stood out above all the rest. The eight recurring characters are those duelists. She knew she'd need all the help she could get to keep Zarc contained, so she brought those eight through time and reincarnated them. Yuzu tells them that they're about to fulfill the purpose they were revived for and wishes them luck. Time returns to normal for Yuya/Zarc and he rushes at her, however Yuzu's bracelet scatters everyone (The 8 recurring, Riley, Declan, Sora). Yuya, Sora and Alexis wind up in the Duel Academy Gardens, and this is where the Zarc battle starts.

Zarc Battle
From Original: Joey (Carded), Kaiba
From GX: Aster, Zane, Alexis
From 5D's: Jack, Crow
Zexal: Kite
ArcV: Declan, Riley, Moon Shadow, Gong, Sylvio, Sora, Shay

Zarc Battle:

- Duel #1: Zarc vs Sora and Alexis
- Duel #2: Zarc vs Shay and Kite
- Duel #3: Zarc vs Gong and Crow
- Duel #4: Zarc vs Sylvio and Joey
- Duel #5: Zarc vs Kaiba, Zane, Jack and Kite. It is revealed that the Pendulum Pendant contained Zarc all along, however the evil side of him was separate from his good side, and his good side is trapped in the Yuya's pendant. Zarc's good side communicates with the 4 rivals, and they all start remembering Duelists that don't exist. Kaiba remembers always losing to "some short dweeb with weird hair". Joey interjects saying "Hey, he sounds like he was my friend!" Zane says he's feeling something similar. He remembers a duelist who was laid back to the point of laziness, loved to Fusion Summon and always made people laugh. But he says that no such duelist exists at Duel Academy. Alexis says she wishes she knew someone like that. Jack remembers dueling alongside someone he used to look down upon, but then he became friends with this duelist, alongside Crow. Crow looks curious. Kite remembers someone too. He remembers being cold, calculating and protective of his brother. But he remembers a duelist that cared about his brother as much as he did. He was pure, and always wanted to help, even if he wasn't good at it.
- Zarc laughs hysterically, saying that they're remembering the four Legendary Duelists, Yugi Mutou, Yuki Judai, Yusei Fudo and Yuma Tsukumo. He heard Yuzu tell them that they all once lived in the United World, but she never knew that. Zarc tells them that they all knew those four duelists, and so did Zarc. In Zarc's time, their ways of dueling were studied. Zarc knew all about them. He knew that he couldn't stop them from being revived, but he could control where they went. Flashbacks occur, zooming in on points nobody saw. Zarc tells Kaiba that him, Yugi and Joey all used to duel together. But he made sure Joey, Kaiba and Yugi all went to different dimensions. Joey and Yugi never became friends, meaning Kaiba never intimidated Yugi in the first place, so Yugi never picked up a deck. Jaden was put into Obelisk Blue classes which were much too tough for him, leading to him being thrown out of Duel Academy. Jaden still exists, but he's just a common thug in the streets of the Fusion Dimension now. Zarc then talks to Jack, telling him that Yusei's dad caused a catastrophe as a result of an experiment. As a result, Crow Jack and Yusei were orphaned and met that way. Yusei's dad never took a single science class in his life, instead pursuing being a businessman. That means that Yusei never met Jack and Crow and started dueling either. He's too rich for them. He then tells Kite that Yuma was born to different parents. He never got that Key (Emperor's Key) from his dad, so the Barian World and Astral World never invaded Heartland, causing Yuma to pick up the Number Cards.

- Kite begins to rage and says “You excluded all of our friends from us and messed up all our lives just so you could come into the world and destroy it!!??” Zarc chuckles to himself and says “Precisely. Those four duelists are the only one who had any hope of stopping me. Look at all four of you. Without Yugi, Judai, Yusei and Yuma, all of you are weakened. And just look at the pink-haired girl, the one that’s supposed to become Ray! She’s barely moving. Ray will never come back. I’ve set up this whole world as a perfect stage for my revival!!”. Zarc plays some kind of Trap that destroys all of Kaiba, Kite, Jack and Zane’s monsters and does damage to them and they lose. Zarc rears his head back, ready to kill all of them with an energy beam when Leo intrudes and does his thing, and loses, then Declan comes by and does the same thing he did in the anime, however alongside Riley. When Zarc defeats Declan and Riley, he is on the ground and about to pass out. He apologizes to everyone, saying that he thought he could free Yuya, but he didn’t. Zarc will destroy the world, and that there is no hope.
- An unfamiliar voice says “Does a true member of the Akaba family really think like that?”. Everyone looks up at Ray, who has revived IN THE FLESH. Declan hands Yuya’s pendant to Ray and she does her thing with the Natural Energy cards. She tries to split Zarc into four again, however a distorted version of Zarc’s voice says “I don’t go down that easily!”. All four Yu-Boys scatter from Zarc, however his evil self stays intact. A wave of darkness then comes from Zarc’s wings that knock the four Yu-Boys out.
- They all wake up in a pristine hotel room. They look in the mirror and realize that they’re in Zarc’s body. They look up and see Yuya’s pendant, and a vision of what is going on. Ray can communicate with them through the pendant. She tells them that they’re currently knocked out by Zarc’s darkness and they will keep experiencing the same day over and over. Yuri asks what Ray means, and Ray says that this is the day Zarc became the Supreme King Dragon. Ray is dueling Zarc and holding him off as they speak. The Yu-Boys just need to duel Zarc’s opponent and beat him without summoning the Supreme King Dragon, then they can wake up. If they summon Zarc, that represents them just falling to his darkness again. They learn that Zarc and Ray were friends. Zarc signed a professional dueling contract because he desperately wanted to be a pro, but he didn’t realize that he wound up signing a bad one. He had to pay back a $1,000,000 advance, but he barely made any money from his duels. His manager kidnapped Ray and basically kept her hostage until Zarc payed back his advance. The Yu-Boys (inside of Zarc) talk to Zarc’s manager, and he tells them that the most successful Pro Duelists have been being more violent than all of the other ones. He tells Zarc to go out there and be as brutal and merciless as he can, and he might make enough money to come close to paying back his advance and getting back Ray. This obviously went against his philosophy of dueling to make people smile. Yuto concludes that the stress of not being able to see Ray, not knowing where his next meal would come from, having to pay back his advance, and having to go against his will to do so is what led to Zarc’s evil being born. Yuri, Yuya, Yuto and Yugo manage to control Zarc and stop him from summoning the Supreme King Dragon and win the duel while making the crowd smile, causing them to wake up.

- Ray asks the Yu-Boys if they know what went wrong in the past now, and they all nod their head yes. Ray then says “then it’s time to activates this! A card that Yuya’s dad dropped!” She plays Binding Sword of Impact, which Yuzu picked up when she went to go duel Yuya. Since it is an illegal card, the duel is cancelled. Yuya, Yuri, Yuto and Yugo decide to duel Zarc’s evil half as a team. Zarc has 16,000 LP and the 4 Boys have 16,000. Ray intrudes, meaning she gets 2000 LP. Zarc sets Supreme King Ring and Supreme King Wrath. Ray gets out a big boss monster “Supreme Queen Sorceress - RAY”. The Yu-Boys all get their dragons out Turn 1 (Yuri sets a card), and Zarc says that’s the worst mistake they’ve ever made. He plays Astrograph Polymerization, paying half fusing the four Dragons from the Yu-Boys Side of the Field into Zarc. Then, he plays Supreme King Wrath. It can be activated when he has lost more than 2000 LP, and he summons the Four Corrupted Dragons. Zarc has a plan for Ray’s monster, activating a Spell called Supreme King Ring. If he has 5 Supreme King Monsters out, one player’s monster has it's effect negated and it is destroyed, and they take damage equal to its ATK. He destroys Supreme Queen RAY and Ray loses. Zarc can’t attack with the Corrupted Dragons this turn. Zarc then attacks the Yu-Boy Team directly with Zarc. Yuri plays a Trap called Healing Bloom. By doubling the Damage his team takes, Ray is back in the Duel. She plays the Spell Card Supreme Queen Blossom, reviving the Supreme Queen, activating it's effect, and letting everyone draw 6 Cards. Her effect treats all Fusion, Synchro, and XYZ monsters as Normal Monsters with no effect and they are all treated as LV 7. Any player that controls Normal Monsters cannot activate Cards or Effects, and must discard a card when they take Battle Damage. Supreme Queen has to banish herself after using this effect. Ray looks at Yuya’s pendant and says “Zarc, I know the real you is in there! Whether the world is saved or not is all up to you!” Yuya takes his draw. He activates Smile World, so all of Zarc’s monsters gain 500 ATK. He then plays Smile Break, so for each monster with current ATK higher than its original ATK, a banished monster is summoned to its owner’s side of the field. They all get their Dragons and RAY back. Yuya’s hair then turns ¼ purple as he plays Odd-Eyes Fusion Gate. He fuses Odd-Eyes and Starve Venom into Odd-Eyes Venom Dragon (LV 10, Dark, Dragon, 3300/2500). Venom Dragon gains the combined original ATK of all monsters Zarc controls, bringing him up to 17,600. Yuya and Yuri combine. They then play Odd-Eyes Synchro Gate, reviving Odd-Eyes and making him a LV 1 Tuner, and tuning him with Clear Wing, summoning Odd-Eyes Wing Dragon (LV 8, Dark, Dragon, 3000/2500). Wing Dragon’s effect targets Zarc, and destroys all the other Servant Dragons. Then, Wing Dragon gains Zarc’s ATK. He has 7,500. Ray plays the effect of RAY, letting her revive the Servant Dragons as Normal Monsters with their effects negated. Yuya and Yugo combine. Yuya finally plays Odd-Eyes XYZ Gate, reviving Odd-Eyes and treating Dark Rebellion as LV 7. They then overlay into Odd-Eyes Rebellion Dragon. Rebellion Dragon destroys all monsters of LV 7 or lower, does 1000 Damage for each one, and Rebellion Dragon can attack a number of times equal to the amount of monsters destroyed. -5000. Zarc: 11,000. Zarc activates the card Supreme King Spring, which can be activated by sending it from the Deck to the GY. Zarc gains LP equal to the ATK of all of his destroyed monsters. He gains 14,300. He has 27,800. A

different sounding voice says “That won’t matter. You’re growing weaker by the second”. Zarc’s good side has been fully revived. Zarc begins his attack. He attacks with Venom Dragon. -17,600. Zarc: 10,200. Wing Dragon attacks. -7500. Zarc: 2700. Rebellion attacks 5 Times. -15,000. Zarc: 0.